

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Provider Appreciation Day

WHEREAS, the National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies and other organizations nationwide are recognizing Child Care Providers on May 11, 2012; and

WHEREAS, of the 20 million children under age 5 in America, more than 11 million are in some form of child care setting; and

WHEREAS, by calling attention to the importance of high quality child care services for all children and families within our state/community, these groups hope to improve the quality and availability of such services; and

WHEREAS, our future depends on the quality of the early childhood experiences provided to young children today; high quality early childcare services represent a worthy commitment to our children's future; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations do hereby proclaim May 11, 2012, as Provider Appreciation Day in Rhode Island and encourage all of its citizens to join me in recognizing the importance of this day.



Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this <u>37</u> day of April, 2012

Lincoln D. Chafee Governor

A. Ralph Mollis Secretary of State